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Provide the PALM Bib page or the following:

Title of Invention: Method and Apparatus for Creating and Managing Groups for Increasing Buying

Power on the World Wide Web

Inventors (provide full names): Amir Alon; Ilan Judkiewicz

Earliest Priority Filing Date: 02/08/1999

Requested attachments:

- If possible, provide the cover sheet, the IDS, examples, or relevant citations, authors, etc, if known.
- Please attach copies of the parts of this case that help explain or are most pertinent to this search. Examples are: abstract, background, summary, claim(s) [not all of the claims].

The claimed or apparent novelty of the invention is:

Potential buyers may create a group organized for purchasing a product/service from one or more sellers. The computer system may output the buyers' collective request for the product service to one or more sellers of the requested item. The sellers may respond by providing a price quotation for the requested item, often on the basis of the number of such items to be purchased by the group. The computer system notifies group members of the submitted seller quotations, in response to which some buyers may commit themselves to purchasing the item at the specified price or otherwise indicating a price at which they would be willing to commit to purchasing the item. Sellers may review the price quotations submitted by other sellers and submit competing price quotations.

This search should focus on: (Also include keywords or synonyms)

aggregating demand	quantity discounts	group discount rates	buyer price targets
buyer deadlines	seller price quotation	buyers	sellers
buy products/service	network/Internet		service provider

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- ☐ Cited as being of interest.
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- ☐ Helped examiner better understand the state of the art in their technology.

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XRPX Acc No: N00-507693

Consumer buying group management in electronic networks such as Internet,
involves notifying agent entity for quotation price, to receive purchase
authorization for product from buyer of specific group

Patent Assignee: MERCATA INC (MERC-N)
Inventor: ALON A ; JUDKIEWICZ I
Number of Countries: 090 Number of Patents: 002
Patent Family:
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WO 200046727 A2 20000810 WO 2000US3164 A 20000207 200067 B
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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CREATING AND MANAGING GROUPS FOR INCREASING BUYING
POWER ON THE WORLD WIDE WEB

VERFAHREN UND APPARAT ZUM BILDEN UND VERWALTEN VON GRUPPEN ZUR HEBUNG DER
KAUFKRAFT AM INTERNET

PROCEDE ET APPAREIL UTILES POUR CREER ET GERER DES GROUPEES EN VUE
D'AUGMENTER LE POUVOIR D'ACHAT SUR LE WEB

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INVENTOR: .
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JUDKIEWICZ , Ilan...
INTERNATIONAL PATENT CLASS: G06F-017/60

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AN INTERCONNECT-AWARE METHODOLOGY FOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT DESIGN
METHODOLOGIE DE RECONNAISSANCE D'INTERCONNEXION POUR LA CONCEPTION DES
CIRCUITS INTEGRES

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WPI Acc No: 2003-625182/200359
Related WPI Acc No: 2001-146794
XRPX Acc No: N03-497426

Online buyers club system has facilitator which determines transaction that maximizes quantity sold by sellers and minimizes price paid by buyers, based on dynamic pricing schedule and aggregated buyer purchase specification

Patent Assignee: ARIBA INC (ARIB-N)
Inventor: CRUIKSHANK K; PERRY G; SHOHAM Y
Number of Countries: 001 Number of Patents: 001
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US 6584451	B1	20030624	US 99115710	P	19990112	200359 B
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Priority Applications (No Type Date): US 99115710 P 19990112; US 99328193 A 19990608

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US 6584451	B1	22	G06F-017/60	Provisional application	US 99115710

Abstract (Basic):

... Promotes **competition** among **vendors** and **buyers** to make a purchase. Automatically **aggregates** **buying** **power** of the **buyers** .

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WPI Acc No: 2002-390792/200242

Reverse auction method through making cooperative purchase user group

Patent Assignee: SEO J H (SEOJ-I)
Inventor: SEO J H
Number of Countries: 001 Number of Patents: 001
Patent Family:

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KR 2001111983	A	20011220	KR 200032788	A	20000614	200242 B

Priority Applications (No Type Date): KR 200032788 A 20000614

Patent Details:

Patent No	Kind	Lan	Pg	Main IPC	Filing Notes
KR 2001111983	A	1	G06F-017/60		

Abstract (Basic):

... the users are combined(12), and a cooperative buying user group is formed(13). A **provider** passing through the member registration can read and search information on the user groups(14). The **provider** demands one user group to participate in a **bid** (15). When the contract is made(16), the users pay a product price through a settlement unit such as a credit card, electronic money and automatic money remittance, and the **provider** receives the personal information of the users buying the products from a web site administrator...

...delivers the products to the users(18). In addition, the users can additionally recommend other **users** to the **cooperative** buying **user group** (17). Since a number of **users** buy the products together, they can demand a reasonable **discount** to the **provider** .

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WPI Acc No: 2001-557329/200162
XRPX Acc No: N01-414204

Consumer purchasing power pooling method in internet environment,
involves notifying consumers to bid for supplier when pool
reaches predetermined threshold

Patent Assignee: ONLINECHOICE.COM (ONLI-N)
Inventor: CHOPRA S; COHEN M; KIRKENDALE W H
Number of Countries: 093 Number of Patents: 002
Patent Family:

Patent No	Kind	Date	Applicat No	Kind	Date	Week
WO 200129729	A2	20010426	WO 2000US28199	A	20001012	200162 B
AU 200080147	A	20010430	AU 200080147	A	20001012	200162

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Consumer purchasing power pooling method in internet environment,
involves notifying consumers to bid for supplier when pool
reaches predetermined threshold

Abstract (Basic):

... when the pool reaches a predetermined threshold. The pool is
open for the consumers to bid for a supplier and the supplier
accepts one bid from several bids upon the pool from the consumers.

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XRPX Acc No: N01-004736

Computer implemented electronic bidding for electronic sales
application, involves receiving purchase requests from buyers which are
aggregated to form combined requests for quote, which are send to preset
vendors

Patent Assignee: MEDPOOL.COM INC (MEDP-N)
Inventor: DE GHEEST A
Number of Countries: 091 Number of Patents: 003
Patent Family:

Patent No	Kind	Date	Applicat No	Kind	Date	Week
WO 200050970	A2	20000831	WO 2000US4814	A	20000222	200101 B
AU 200030071	A	20000914	AU 200030071	A	20000222	200101
EP 1208488	A2	20020529	EP 2000908794	A	20000224	200243
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Priority Applications (No Type Date): US 99161789 P 19991027; US 99121458 P
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19991007 .

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Computer implemented electronic bidding for electronic sales application, involves receiving purchase requests from buyers which are aggregated to form combined requests for quote, which are send to preset vendors

Abstract (Basic):

... A list containing products and/or **vendors** is provided to buyers. When different requests for quote are identified for different items on the list, the request for quotes are identified. A **bid** is received from each of the **vendors** . The purchase request includes price at which the buyer is obligated to purchase. If the price in the quote is met by a **bid** from a **vendor** , buyer is obligated to purchase the quantity of products identified in request for quote. INDEPENDENT
...

...in electronic sales applications using electronic networks such as internet for electronically linking buyers to **vendors** and for creating electronically mediated auction, **bid** -ask systems and other business transactions...

...Allows electronic **aggregation** of buyers needs. Presentation of a **aggregate buyers** needs anonymously to one or more vendors to request quotes and optimization of numerous selling terms to maximum **benefit** of the **buyers** .

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Electricity-supply business management method involves deciding electricity supply and pricing policies by aggregating electricity load profiles received from consumers

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015357579

Electronic business management method for deregulated electric power market, involves selecting any one of daily course special based on consumer's criteria and informing selected daily course special to energy supplier

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Method and system for performing auction over internet

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Reverse auction method through making cooperative purchase user group

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014213260

Business method for retail grocery stores, involves offering common item with effective price discount to specific consumers, based on promotion period and purchase details of consumer

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Consumer purchasing power pooling method in internet environment, involves notifying consumers to bid for supplier when pool reaches predetermined threshold

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Computer implemented electronic bidding for electronic sales application, involves receiving purchase requests from buyers which are aggregated to form combined requests for quote, which are send to preset vendors

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012913570

Telecommunication carrier selecting method by auction for billing users

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SYSTEM OF SELLING COSMETICS

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ARTICLE VENDING SYSTEM

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... more than one seller.

With the fast growing and ubiquity of electronic commerce utilizing the
Internet, group purchasing from a large seller community can be
facilitated online. Buyers from far and...

...can relatively easily form groups to take advantage of volume
purchasing, and/or to obtain **bids** from many potential **sellers**. In the
past, many processes have been developed for creating and managing
purchasing groups for...

...transactions. Generally, purchasing groups are monitored to determine if
and when the size of the **group** or the **aggregated** purchase **volume**
has reached a level associated with the seller's agreed **volume**
discount pricing. The condition for **group discount** pricing may
require that a certain number of **buyers** must have joined the **group**
and commit to purchasing within a certain period of time.

The concept of managing groups...

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INTERNET GROUP POOLING SYSTEM AND METHOD WITH CONSUMER INTERACTIVITY

PROCEDE ET SYSTEME DE MISE EN COMMUN DE GROUPES SUR INTERNET AVEC
INTERACTIVITE DES CONSOMMATEURS

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Detailed Description

Claims

Detailed Description

... market presence without the significant addition of staff.

There exist Internet-based systems which allow **consumers** to **pool** their **purchasing power**. For example, the assignee of the present invention provides an **Internet** -based system which allows **consumers** to **pool** their electricity buying needs at the url www.electricitychoice.com. Consumers may sign up at...

...pool. When the buying pool reaches a

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certain threshold, e.g. 2 megawatts, electricity **providers** are invited to **bid** on supplying the electricity needs to the members of the **pool** in the **aggregate**. The low-bidder then contacts each consumer individually and invites them to become customers of the **bidder**.

- 2 A similar system exists at the url www.energy.com, where "energy buying groups" are formed to enjoy the **benefits** of **consumer aggregation**. Another system exists at the url www.essential.com, where bundles of services such as...

Claim

1 A method of pooling **purchasing power** of a plurality of **consumers**, comprising:
pooling the **consumers** in an **Internet** -based **pool** ;
notifying the **consumers** when the **pool** reaches a predeten-nined threshold,
wherein the notifying is performed by a pooling system;
accepting votes whether the pool should be **bid** upon by at least one **supplier** ,
wherein the voting is performed by the consumers;

opening the pool to bids; and
accepting at least one bid upon the pool, wherein the **bidding** is
performed by the at least one **supplier**.

2 The method of claim 1, further comprising forming a contract between
the at least...

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PROCEDE ET SYSTEME UTILISATEURS PERMETTANT A DES ACHETEURS DE SE REGROUPER
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... by any number of ways including postal mail, advertisements, email, or
using the Internet. This **aggregation** of **buyers** will result in an
entity with a greater **purchasing power** than was possible by any of
its members acting alone.

The **group** that has been formed to express an interest in buying a
particular product attracts vendors...

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PROCEDE ET SYSTEME PERMETTANT A DE PETITS ACHETEURS DE METTRE EN COMMUN
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... comprising: a) a Merchandise Submission Form to obtain sale
information

about a product from a **vendor** ; b) a **Bid** Submission Form to obtain
bid

information for the product from a plurality of buyers; c) a Vendor
Process 1 5...

...and generate orders for the

product. Preferably, the system provides that the vendor employ a **volume**

discount price schedule. The system allows **buyers** to place and
withdraw

bids after the Start Time of the sale. After the Hold Time, only new bids
and increased **bids** are allowed. Ideally, both the buyers and the
vendor (s)

communicate with the system via a wide area network such as the

internet . However, other means of submitting and receiving information
from the system are possible including automated:...

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A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR COMPETITIVE PRICING AND PROCUREMENT OF CUSTOMIZED
GOODS AND SERVICES

SYSTEME ET PROCEDE DE DETERMINATION DE PRIX ET D'ACHATS COMPETITIFS
D'ARTICLES ET DE SERVICES PERSONNALISES

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Claims

Claim

... other known transmission link. The external data link 506 may be a connection via the **Internet**, through email or some other alternate sources for data transfer.

For example, the data transfer...such a version of the system, the vendor bid data could be received over the **Internet** or via any of the over communication media described above. It is also

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contemplated...to monitor the production process efficiently at any time and from any computer station with **Internet** access. This feature ensures that potential manufacturing or delivery problems can be addressed early, thereby...

...contribution

level pricing for each and every job. By furnishing the buyer with easy, efficient **Internet**-based tools to create specifications, disseminate solicitations, and receive and evaluate bids from...

...contribution pricing" from

numerous responding vendors on each and every job. In sum, by harnessing **Internet** technology to handle all five major steps or operations of an electronic commerce system for...

...production management,

quality control, and contract compliance; and (5) invoicing, payment, and cost allocation -- the **buyer** can create and manage large multiple **vendor** pools to obtain the **benefits** of **competitive** bidding based on contribution pricing, while enhancing administrative productivity, production quality, and contract compliance. In...

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CUSTOMIZABLE GROUP INITIATIVE
INITIATIVE DE GROUPE POUVANT ETRE PERSONNALISEE

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ADVANCED ASSET MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS
SYSTEMES DE GESTION D'AVOIRS PERFECTIONNES

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DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM FOR CONDUCTING A MODIFIED ON-LINE AUCTION
SYSTEME DE TRAITEMENT DE DONNEES UTILE POUR REALISER UNE VENTE AUX ENCHERES
EN-LIGNE MODIFIEE

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METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR REMOTELY MANAGING BUSINESS AND EMPLOYEE
ADMINISTRATION FUNCTIONS
PROCEDE ET SYSTEME DESTINES A GERER A DISTANCE DES ENTREPRISES ET DES
FONCTIONS D'ADMINISTRATION DES EMPLOYES

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METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR MARKET CLEARANCE
PROCEDES ET SYSTEMES DESTINES A L'EQUILIBRE DU MARCHÉ

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TECHNOLOGY SHARING DURING ASSET MANAGEMENT AND ASSET TRACKING IN A
NETWORK-BASED SUPPLY CHAIN ENVIRONMENT AND METHOD THEREOF
PARTAGE TECHNOLOGIQUE LORS DE LA GESTION ET DU SUIVI DU PARC INFORMATIQUE
DANS UN ENVIRONNEMENT DU TYPE CHAÎNE D'APPROVISIONNEMENT RESEAUTÉE, ET
PROCEDE ASSOCIE

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SCHEDULING AND PLANNING BEFORE AND PROACTIVE MANAGEMENT DURING MAINTENANCE
AND SERVICE IN A NETWORK-BASED SUPPLY CHAIN ENVIRONMENT
PROGRAMMATION ET PLANIFICATION ANTICIPEE, ET GESTION PROACTIVE AU COURS DE
LA MAINTENANCE ET DE L'ENTRETIEN D'UN ENVIRONNEMENT DU TYPE CHAÎNE
D'APPROVISIONNEMENT RESEAUTÉE

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INTERNET GROUP POOLING SYSTEM AND METHOD WITH CONSUMER INTERACTIVITY
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INTEGRATED COMMERCE ENVIRONMENT (ICE) - A METHOD OF INTEGRATING OFFLINE AND
ONLINE BUSINESS
ENVIRONNEMENT DE COMMERCE INTEGRE (ICE) UN PROCEDE D'INTEGRATION
D'ENTREPRISE HORS LIGNE ET EN LIGNE

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A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR STREAM-BASED COMMUNICATION IN A COMMUNICATION
SERVICES PATTERNS ENVIRONMENT
SYSTEME, PROCEDE ET ARTICLE DE PRODUCTION FOURNISSANT UN SYSTEME DE
COMMUNICATION EN CONTINU DANS UN ENVIRONNEMENT DE CONFIGURATIONS DE
SERVICES DE COMMUNICATION

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A SYSTEM, METHOD FOR FIXED FORMAT STREAM COMMUNICATION IN A COMMUNICATION
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SYSTEME, PROCEDE ET ARTICLE POUR FLUX DE FORMAT FIXE DANS UN ENVIRONNEMENT
A CONFIGURATIONS DE SERVICES DE COMMUNICATION

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METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR LOW VOLUME BUYERS TO AGGREGATE PURCHASING POWER
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S3	379771	(BUYING OR PURCHASING)()POWER OR LEVERAGE OR DISCOUNT??? OR INCENTIVE? ? OR MARKDOWN? ? OR MARK???(2W)DOWN? ? OR PREMIUM? ? OR BONUS?? OR REWARD? ? OR BENEFIT? ? OR IMPROVE?(3N)TERM? ?
S4	1579577	SELLER? ? OR PROVIDER? ? OR SUPPLIER? ? OR DEALER? ? OR VE- NDOR? ? OR MERCHANT? ? OR TRADER? ? OR SHOPKEEPER? ? OR MERCH- ANDISER? ? OR DISTRIBUT?R? ? OR WHOLESALER? ? OR WHOLE()SALER OR RETAILER? ? OR MANUFACTURER? ? OR MAK??? OR PURVEY???
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PRODUCT NAMES: Company--Fidelity Investments (864455)

TITLE: Fidelity invests in Web trading
AUTHOR: Wagner, Mitch
SOURCE: Computerworld, v31 n20 p53(2) May 19, 1997
ISSN: 0010-4841
HOMEPAGE: <http://www.computerworld.com>

RECORD TYPE: Review
REVIEW TYPE: Company

REVISION DATE: 20020819

...a three-pronged plan to provide content, transactions, and corporate services as a way to **compete** successfully in the **competitive Internet**-based retail brokerage arena. Cyber-brokers have to allow users to obtain all the tools they need, and that can only be accomplished with dynamic programming. From its **World Wide Web** site, Fidelity allows clients to buy and sell investments, inquire about investment strategies through e...
...market, began offering transactions early in 1997. Retail investment brokers, including Fidelity, are getting strong **competition** from such brokers as ETrade **Group**, which give large **discounts** for online trading to **customers** willing to do their own research and decision- **making**. Fidelity **competes** with Schwab and Liberty Financial Companies to provide online investment information, which is just about...

...mail customer service representative working shifts to answer questions all day and all night, because **Internet** investors often work at night and early in the morning.

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06446009
News Corp Seeks to Purchase PointCast To Tap Internet Trend Toward '\
US: POINTCAST IN TAKEOVER BID FROM NEWS CORP
Wall Street Journal Europe (WSJ) 19 Mar 1997 p.4
Language: ENGLISH

Seeking to **benefit** from the trend towards **Internet** services which push information at **users** rather than requiring long search times, News Corp, the media **group**, has launched a takeover **bid** for PointCast, a broadcaster of information on the **Internet** and based in Cupertino, California. The offer is valued at US\$ 350-450mn in cash...

... and the problem of conflicts of interest between News Corp and PointCast's existing media **suppliers**.

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2146134 Supplier Number: 02146134 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULLTEXT)
Mutual Funds' Brokerage Arms Offer On-Line Trading To Customers
(No load mutual fund companies, following the example of Fidelity Investments, are increasingly offering on-line brokerage services)
Web Finance, p N/A
May 18, 1998
DOCUMENT TYPE: Newsletter (United States)
LANGUAGE: English RECORD TYPE: Fulltext
WORD COUNT: 667

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TEXT:

...Load funds are less likely to offer brokerage services because they don't want to **compete** with their **distributors** .

"If you have a brand name, it's tempting to **leverage** that with other services," said Chris Musto, a senior consultant with Gomez Advisors. "In the battle to **aggregate customer** assets, offering **Internet** brokerage is very tempting."
Seth Bernstein, vice president of brokerage marketing at American Century, said...

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08580657 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULLTEXT)
openNET Coalition Welcomes AT&T Acceptance of Open Access "In Principle"; Questions Delay and Uncertainty of Implementation
BUSINESS WIRE
December 06, 1999
JOURNAL CODE: WBWE LANGUAGE: English RECORD TYPE: FULLTEXT
WORD COUNT: 607

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... promise of this first step real, enforceable and timely.
Otherwise, today's agreement may not **benefit consumers** for years to come.
The openNET Coalition is a **group** of more than 900 local, regional, and national **Internet** service **providers** , technology and telecommunications companies dedicated to promoting **competition** in high-speed **Internet** cable access.

CONTACT: openNET Coalition
Steven Cohen
Greg Stanko
877/316-ONET

13:42 EST...

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08145592 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULLTEXT)
Shabang!com Deals a New Twist to Online Shopping; Make A Deal Feature Allows Consumers to Name Their Price for the Products They Want

BUSINESS WIRE

November 09, 1999

JOURNAL CODE: WBWE LANGUAGE: English RECORD TYPE: FULLTEXT

WORD COUNT: 468

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Most reverse shopping options on the **Internet** today are driven by group **buying power** or a conduit between the **buyer** and the **seller**. **Make A Deal** allows Shabang!com **merchants** to confidentially **bid** on products without other shoppers or **merchants** becoming aware of who is participating and what the final deal was.

"Make A Deal..."

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Infospace Announces Support for Oracle8i(TM)

PR NEWSWIRE

November 10, 1998

JOURNAL CODE: WPRW LANGUAGE: English RECORD TYPE: FULLTEXT

WORD COUNT: 709

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... while achieving the widest possible delivery of vital decision-making information across the enterprise."

Infospace **combines** powerful data access and intelligence technology with the universal access and open development environment of the **Internet** to help **customers leverage** their information resources for better decision **making** and **competitive** advantage. Infospace's innovative thin-**client** architecture gives **users** access to all data types -- SQL, OLAP, and metadata -- through a simple browser-based interface...

16/3,K/5 (Item 1 from file: 810)

DIALOG(R)File 810:Business Wire

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NETX CLEARING: NetX Clearing Corporation -- Web Site Now On Line

November 04, 1996

Byline: Business Editors/Computer Writers

...commerce by creating a focal point for online shopping. The unique NetX program offers significant **benefits** to all parties involved. **Consumers** get instant buying clout through their free membership in The NetX **Internet Buying Group** and are rewarded with prize draws, special offers, and frequent **contests**.

The NetX **Internet Buying Group** is not obligated to **merchants** from any single mall or online service provider and is free to search out, screen...

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Internet Users Willing to Pay to Keep Current ISP

DATE: November 9, 1998

08:02 EST

WORD COUNT: 650

...avoid switching ISPs-a 20% premium over current prices.

"Despite large-scale customer churn and **competition**, a substantial portion of **users** would rather not switch **providers**," said Matt Page, director of **Internet consumer** research at The Strategis **Group**. "More importantly, an ISP may need to price 20-30% below market rates to lure competitors' **customers**."

Premium Willing to Pay to Retain Current ISP

Additional Monthly Amount Willing to Pay \$11+ \$6...

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THE DIANA CORPORATION ISSUES STATEMENT

DATE: June 5, 1996

09:03 EDT

WORD COUNT: 634

...Company believes that its subsidiary, Sattel Communications, has developed state-of-the art technologies that **combine** the **benefits** of public telephone voice switching and **customer** premises data equipment that enable **internet** service **providers** (ISPs), local and long distance telephone companies, **competitive** access **providers** (CAPs), and cable television companies with the ability to offer their customers cost effective voice...

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L11 0 S L9 AND L10
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